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House Bills

HB 3226 by Representatives Orcutt, Blake, Kretz, and Condotta

Concerning the composition of the forest practices board.
Alters the required composition of the forest practices board so that the prerequisites for the forest practices board member appointed to represent the interests of individuals with nonindustrial timber holdings matches other statutory definitions for small forest landowners.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 25 First reading, referred to Agriculture & Natural Resources.

HB 3227 by Representatives Eickmeyer, Sump, Chase, Quall, Hasegawa, Appleton, Simpson, Haigh, Wallace, Dickerson, Takko, Conway, Pedersen, Kagi, Armstrong, Priest, Walsh, Hinkle, Condotta, McCoy, Roberts, Morris, Hudgins, Rolfes, Lantz, Schual-Berke, Morrell, Campbell, Sells, Sullivan, and Kenney

Protecting the water quality in Hood Canal.
Provides, in aquatic rehabilitation zone one, any new or retrofitted on-site sewage disposal systems or wastewater treatment systems installed after July 1, 2009, must remove nitrates and phosphates to a level that at a minimum meets the department of ecology's water quality standards and does not adversely impact the health of Hood Canal.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 25 First reading, referred to Select Committee on Environmental Health.

HB 3228 by Representatives Warnick, Hinkle, and Dunn
Allowing local governments to create golf cart and snowmobile zones.

Provides a golf cart or snowmobile is not considered a motor vehicle, except for the purposes of chapter 46.61 RCW.

Allows the legislative authority of a city or county to by ordinance or resolution create a golf cart zone surrounding a golf course, for the purposes of permitting the incidental operation of golf carts upon a street or highway of this state having a speed limit of twenty-five miles per hour or less.

Allows the legislative authority of a city or county to by ordinance or resolution create a snowmobile zone for the purposes of permitting the incidental operation of snowmobiles upon a street or highway of this state. Snowmobiles must be limited to a maximum speed of twenty-five miles per hour.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 25 First reading, referred to Transportation.

HB 3229 by Representatives Warnick, Roberts, and Simpson

Prohibiting the possession of deadly weapons in certain places.

Defines "weapon" as used in RCW 9.41.300 to means any firearm, explosive as defined in RCW 70.74.010, or instrument or weapon listed in RCW 9.41.250 or 9.94A.602.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 25 First reading, referred to Judiciary.

HB 3230 by Representatives Conway, Darneille, and Flannigan

Changing the public notification and hearing requirements for permits issued under the shoreline management act.

Provides if the proposal is for the construction or alteration of a facility that performs or is likely to perform any of the following actions for large marine vessels, the local government must mail notice of the proposal to the latest recorded real property owners as shown by the records of the county assessor within at least one thousand feet of the boundary of the property upon which the substantial development is proposed: Construction, refurbishment, maintenance, repair, or demolition. For purposes of this act, large marine vessels are marine vessels that are seventy-five feet or more in length.

Provides if the permit application is for the construction or alteration of a facility that performs or is likely to perform any of the following actions for large marine vessels, the local government must hold a public hearing on the application: Construction, refurbishment, maintenance, repair, or demolition.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 25 First reading, referred to Local Government.

HB 3231 by Representatives Williams, Wood, Rodne, and Simpson

Regarding public disclosure of records relevant to a controversy to which an agency is a party.

Provides records that are relevant to an ongoing controversy to which an agency is a party but which records would not be available to another party under the rules of pretrial discovery for causes pending in the superior courts are exempt from disclosure under this act. This exemption does not apply to any records created prior to the filing of litigation or notice of a legal claim against the agency.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 25 First reading, referred to State Government & Tribal Affairs.

HB 3232 by Representatives Dickerson, O'Brien, Pearson, Simpson, Morrell, Kelley, and Hurst; by request of Department of Corrections

Concerning search and seizures of offenders and their property in department of corrections field offices.

Provides if an offender violates any condition or requirement of a sentence, a community corrections officer may arrest or cause the arrest of the offender without a warrant, pending a determination by the court or a department of corrections hearing officer.

Provides, for the safety and security of department staff, an offender may be required to submit to pat searches or other limited security searches by community corrections officers, correctional officers, and other agency approved staff, without reasonable cause, when present on department premises or vehicles.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 25 First reading, referred to Human Services.

HB 3233 by Representatives Loomis, Green, Morrell, Rolfes, Seaquist, VanDeWege, Kelley, Hurst, and Ormsby

Establishing a Washington identity theft analysis center.

Orders the Washington association of sheriffs and police chiefs to establish the Washington identity theft analysis center, to be colocated with the Washington joint analytical center.

Directs the center to create and maintain a web sit accessible to law enforcement and prosecutors.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 25 First reading, referred to Public Safety & Emergency Preparedness.

HB 3234 by Representatives Green, Darneille, Sullivan, Wood, Ormsby, Hasegawa, Pettigrew, McIntire, Appleton, Hunt, Moeller, Morrell, Rolfes, Dunn, Roberts, Sells, Simpson, Conway, O'Brien, Santos, Campbell, Liias, VanDeWege, Loomis, Kagi, Dickerson, and Nelson

Providing a tax exemption for working families measured by the federal earned income tax credit.

Declares the intent to provide a sales and use tax exemption, in the form of a remittance, to lower-income working families in Washington.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 25 First reading, referred to Finance.

HB 3235 by Representatives Goodman, Ross, O'Brien, Warnick, Kelley, Pearson, Hurst, Sells, Kirby, Linville, Rolfes, Roach, Roberts, Morrell, Green, Armstrong, and VanDeWege

Concerning restitution for victims.

Provides the sentencing system must consider a victim's needs and provide restitution and support as needed to ensure that such person will not be further victimized.

Requires the restitution portion of a person's legal financial obligation to be established as soon as possible at the time of sentencing and the order shall include the location of the offender's assets and any assets stolen from the victim for seizure and return to the victim.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 25 First reading, referred to Judiciary.

HB 3236 by Representatives Ahern, Ross, and Warnick
Increasing the penalty for failing to provide proof of motor vehicle insurance.

Increases the penalty for failing to provide proof of motor vehicle insurance to five hundred dollars.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 25 First reading, referred to Transportation.

HB 3237 by Representatives Ahern, O'Brien, Schindler, Haler, Crouse, Miloscia, McCune, Sump, Chandler, Roach, Warnick, Dunn, and Kristiansen

Establishing the woman's right to know act.

Provides no abortion shall be performed except with the voluntary and informed consent of the woman upon whom the abortion is to be performed.

Requires, within ninety days of the effective date of this act, the department of health to cause to be printed materials and an informational video in English and Spanish that is easily comprehensible at a sixth grade level and that describes the anatomical and physiological

characteristics of an unborn child at various stages from conception to natural birth, describes the various methods of abortion used to terminate the life of an unborn child, lists alternatives to abortion, and provides a comprehensive list of the addresses and phone numbers of agencies that offer alternatives to abortion and services to assist a woman through pregnancy, upon childbirth, and while the child is dependent, including but not limited to adoption agencies.

Provides any physician who violates the provisions of this act is guilty of unprofessional conduct and his or her license for the practice of medicine and surgery shall be subject to suspension or revocation.

Provides any physician who performs an abortion without first obtaining the certification required by this act or with knowledge or reason to know that the informed consent of the woman has not been obtained is for the first offense guilty of a misdemeanor and for each subsequent offense is guilty of a gross misdemeanor.

Provides any physician who complies with the provisions of this act may not be held civilly liable to his or her patient or the patient's representative for failure to obtain informed consent to the abortion.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 25 First reading, referred to Health Care & Wellness.

HB 3238 by Representative Green

Concerning professional athletics regulated by the department of licensing.

Requires the director of the department of licensing to direct, supervise, and control all boxing, mixed martial arts, kickboxing, and wrestling events conducted within this state and an event may not be held in this state except in accordance with the provisions of chapter 67.08 RCW.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 25 First reading, referred to Commerce & Labor.

HB 3239 by Representatives Condotta, Dunn, and Armstrong

Concerning the sales and use taxation of materials and services provided under the weatherization assistance program.

Provides the tax imposed by RCW 82.08.020 does not apply to sales of tangible personal property or labor and services used in the weatherization of a residence under the weatherization assistance program under chapter 70.164 RCW.

Provides the provisions of chapter 82.12 RCW do not apply to the use of tangible personal property or labor and services used in the weatherization of a residence under the weatherization assistance program under chapter 70.164 RCW.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 25 First reading, referred to Finance.

HB 3240 by Representative Condotta

Establishing the duty of pharmacies to facilitate the delivery of lawfully prescribed drugs and devices to patients.

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-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 25 First reading, referred to Health Care & Wellness.

HB 3241 by Representatives O'Brien, Campbell, and Hurst

Directing the military department to acquire and maintain a supply of antiviral medication.

Requires the state military department to acquire and maintain a ready supply of antiviral medication to ensure the availability of a full course of therapy to twenty-five percent of the population of the state during an epidemic emergency.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 25 First reading, referred to Public Safety & Emergency Preparedness.

HB 3242 by Representative O'Brien

Providing immunity to community corrections officers and the department of corrections for damages arising from acts or omissions in the supervision of offenders in the community unless the acts or omissions constitute gross negligence.

Provides that the department of corrections and any community corrections officer employed by the department of corrections are not civilly liable for damages arising from acts or omissions in the supervision of offenders in the community, unless the acts or omissions constitute gross negligence.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 25 First reading, referred to Judiciary.

HB 3243 by Representatives O'Brien, Green, Pearson, Seaquist, Hurst, and Morrell

Allowing law enforcement agencies to request state assistance when verifying a registered sex or kidnapping offender's residential address.

Allows law enforcement agencies to request state assistance when verifying a registered sex or kidnapping offender's residential address.

Provides civil liability immunity for the department of social and health services and its employees for damages arising from sex and kidnapping offender address verification assistance provided under this act unless the department or employee has acted with gross negligence or in bad faith.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 25 First reading, referred to Public Safety & Emergency Preparedness.

HB 3244 by Representatives Kessler, Orcutt, Grant, Ericks, Hinkle, Linville, McDonald, and Kelley

Clarifying the definition of customer location for purposes of municipal business and occupation taxes.

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-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --
Jan 25 First reading, referred to Finance.

HB 3245 by Representatives Liias, Orcutt, Ericks, Sells, Loomis, Ormsby, Grant, Condotta, Barlow, McIntire, Dunn, Conway, Kelley, and Kenney

Concerning the excise taxation of the aerospace industry.

Declares that the comprehensive tax incentives in the act are intended to more comprehensively address the cost of doing business in Washington state compared to locations in other states for a larger segment of the aerospace industry cluster.

Provides definitions for "aerospace products" and "aerospace services".

Provides for a business and occupation tax calculation for persons classified as certain federal aviation repair stations.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --
Jan 25 First reading, referred to Finance.

HB 3246 by Representatives Fromhold and Flannigan

Concerning the time limits of school impact fee expenditures.

Provides that school impact fees must be expended or encumbered for a permissible use within ten years of receipt, unless an extraordinary and compelling reason exists for the fees to be held longer than ten years. The extraordinary or compelling reasons must be identified in written findings by the governing body of the county, city, or town.

Provides that criteria must be developed by the office of the superintendent of public instruction for extending the use of school impact fees from six to ten years.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --
Jan 25 First reading, referred to Local Government.

HB 3247 by Representatives Quall, Dunshee, Chase, Dunn, Roberts, and Santos

Requiring recess time for public school students in grades kindergarten through six.

Requires all public schools to provide at least fifteen minutes of uninterrupted recess each school day for students in grades kindergarten through six.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --
Jan 25 First reading, referred to Education.

HB 3248 by Representatives Hinkle, Fromhold, Seaquist, Bailey, Anderson, Condotta, Orcutt, Rolfes, Roach, Dunn, O'Brien, McDonald, Kelley, Smith, McCune, and Hurst

Providing a business and occupation tax credit for fifty percent of the amount paid for health insurance premiums.

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-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --
Jan 25 First reading, referred to Finance.

HB 3249 by Representatives Cody, Fromhold, and Hunt; by request of Health Care Authority

Administering benefits under the public employees' benefits board.

Requires the administrator of the state health care authority to adopt rules setting forth criteria for determining employee eligibility for benefits and the appeal process by which employees may appeal benefits and eligibility determinations.

Takes effect January 1, 2009.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --
Jan 25 First reading, referred to Appropriations.

HB 3250 by Representatives Hunt, Chase, Roberts, Campbell, Ormsby, and Kenney

Prohibiting retailers from charging restocking fees on returned merchandise that is defective or damaged.

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-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --
Jan 25 First reading, referred to Commerce & Labor.

HB 3251 by Representatives Williams, Kirby, and Simpson

Regarding local government self-insurance programs and public records.

Declares that it is against the public policy of the state for a self-insurance program governed by chapter 48.62 RCW to pay the cost of liability or defense costs for claims brought under the public records act, chapter 42.56 RCW, and the open public meetings act, chapter 42.30 RCW.

Provides that self-insurance programs governed by chapter 48.62 RCW may not cancel or threaten to cancel insurance coverage based upon an entity's decision, in consultation with its attorneys, to release public records, including attorney communications, in compliance with the public records act, chapter 42.56 RCW.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --
Jan 25 First reading, referred to Insurance, Financial Services & Consumer Protection.

HB 3252 by Representative Eddy

Addressing management recommendations that may be implemented by counties and cities to protect the functions and values of critical areas.

Provides for management recommendations that may be implemented by counties and cities to protect the functions and values of critical areas.

Requires, at least once every five years, the department of community, trade, and economic development, in collaboration with other state agencies with jurisdiction and expertise, to review and, if necessary to incorporate best available science that has become available or otherwise to comply with chapter 36.70A RCW, update the management recommendations.

Requires all petitions relating to whether management recommendations adopted by the department of community, trade, and economic development comply with

certain requirements to be filed within sixty days after the notice of proposed management recommendations for protecting the functions and values of critical areas is published in the state register.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 25 First reading, referred to Local Government.

HB 3253 by Representative Grant

Modifying overtime compensation for truck drivers.

Exempts an individual employed as a truck or bus driver who is subject to the provisions of the Federal Motor Carrier Act from certain overtime compensation provisions if the compensation system under which the truck or bus driver is paid includes overtime pay, reasonably equivalent to that required under RCW 49.46.130.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 25 First reading, referred to Commerce & Labor.

HB 3254 by Representatives Goodman, Pedersen, Simpson, Morrell, Green, Kelley, Kagi, and Roberts

Concerning accountability for persons driving under the influence of intoxicating liquor or drugs.

Provides that beginning January 1, 2009, any person licensed under chapter 46.20 RCW who is convicted of any offense involving the use, consumption, or possession of alcohol while operating a motor vehicle in violation of RCW 46.61.502 or 46.61.504, other than vehicular homicide or vehicular assault, or who has had or will have his or her license suspended, revoked, or denied under RCW 46.20.3101, may submit to the department of licensing an application for an ignition interlock driver's license.

Creates a pilot program for the purpose of monitoring compliance by persons required to use ignition interlock devices and by ignition interlock companies and vendors.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 25 First reading, referred to Judiciary.

Senate Bills

SB 5278-S2 by Senate Committee on Government Operations & Elections (originally sponsored by Senators Franklin, Kastama, Kline, Spanel, Keiser, Kohl-Welles, McAuliffe, Regala, Pridemore, Poulsen, Fraser, Rasmussen, and Rockefeller)

Concerning use of public funds to finance campaigns for local office.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 2ND SUBSTITUTE)

Provides that the legislative authority of a county, city, town, or district may establish a program allowing the use of public funds to finance campaigns for local office through adoption of an ordinance or resolution.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 1 Public hearing in committee.

Feb 15 Executive session in committee.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 22 GO - Majority; 2nd substitute bill be substituted, do pass.

Minority; do not pass.

Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

SB 6391-S by Senate Committee on Higher Education (originally sponsored by Senators Shin, Berkey, Delvin, Franklin, Sheldon, Swecker, and Rasmussen)

Authorizing an additional University of Washington branch campus.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Authorizes an additional University of Washington branch campus, University of Washington North Sound, in Everett.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 22 HIE - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.

And refer to Ways & Means.

Minority; do not pass.

Referred to Ways & Means.

SB 6819 by Senators Kohl-Welles and Fairley

Providing consistency in terminology in the Revised Code of Washington.

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-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 25 First reading, referred to Government Operations & Elections.

SB 6820 by Senators Kastama, Rasmussen, Shin, Kline, Kohl-Welles, Murray, Franklin, Brown, Eide, Regala, Hobbs, Berkey, Swecker, McCaslin, McAuliffe, and McDermott

Creating the Washington investment in student excellence scholarship program.

Directs the higher education coordinating board to design the Washington investment in student excellence scholarship program.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 25 First reading, referred to Economic Development, Trade & Management.

SB 6821 by Senators Hatfield and Jacobsen

Exempting certain information obtained by the department of fish and wildlife from disclosure under chapter 42.56 RCW.

Exempts information that the department of fish and wildlife has received or accessed but may not disclose due to confidentiality requirements in the Magnuson-Stevens fishery conservation and management reauthorization act of 2006 (16 U.S.C. Sec. 1861(h)(3) and (i), and Sec. 1881a(b)) from public disclosure.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 25 First reading, referred to Natural Resources, Ocean & Recreation.

SB 6822 by Senators Murray, Pridemore, Kline, Kohl-Welles, McAuliffe, and Sheldon

Establishing goals to reduce vehicle miles traveled.

Provides to support the implementation of RCW 47.04.280 and 47.01.078(4), the department of transportation shall adopt broad statewide goals to reduce annual per capita vehicle miles traveled by 2050 consistent with the stated goals of Executive Order 07-02.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 25 First reading, referred to Transportation.

SB 6823 by Senators Brandland, Fraser, Swecker, and Rasmussen

Funding catastrophic flood relief.

Funds catastrophic flood relief.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 25 First reading, referred to Ways & Means.

SB 6824 by Senators McDermott, Schoesler, and Kline

Changing provisions relating to process servers.

Requires that process servers shall be residents of the state of Washington.

Provides that the department of licensing may furnish lists of registered and legal owners of motor vehicles to registered process servers.

Provides that the department of licensing shall make its negative file available to registered process servers.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 25 First reading, referred to Judiciary.

SB 6825 by Senator Jacobsen

Providing a cap on credit card transaction fees paid by small business owners.

Provides that a fee charged by a financial institution for the processing of a credit card transaction to a small business owner must be capped at a certain percentage rate.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 25 First reading, referred to Financial Institutions & Insurance.

SB 6826 by Senators Hargrove, Stevens, and Carrell; by request of Department of Corrections

Concerning search and seizures of offenders and their property in department of corrections field offices.

Provides if an offender violates any condition or requirement of a sentence, a community corrections officer may arrest or cause the arrest of the offender without a warrant, pending a determination by the court or a department of corrections hearing officer.

Provides, for the safety and security of department staff, an offender may be required to submit to pat searches or other limited security searches by community corrections officers, correctional officers, and other agency approved staff, without reasonable cause, when present on department premises or vehicles.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 25 First reading, referred to Human Services & Corrections.

SB 6827 by Senators Holmquist, King, Honeyford, Stevens, Hewitt, Parlette, Morton, and McCaslin

Reforming worker's compensation.

Declares that for a worker to receive benefits for an injury under Title 51, there must be a specific medical diagnosis directly related to the injury that must contribute by a factor of at least fifty percent to the worker's inability to work.

Redefines "permanent total disability".

Adds additional limitations to receiving payment of worker's compensation benefits.

Caps certain recovery of wages under worker's compensation at one hundred four weeks.

Authorizes the department of labor and industries or a self-insurer to offer a worker, or the worker's beneficiary if the worker is deceased, a lump sum settlement to close a worker's compensation claim that has been allowed. A settlement offer accepted by the worker or his or her beneficiary shall discharge the employer of record from any further obligation concerning the claim and release the state and self-insurer from further benefit obligations.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 25 First reading, referred to Labor, Commerce, Research & Development.

SB 6828 by Senators Marr, Prentice, Zarelli, Schoesler, Hobbs, Kilmer, Shin, and Rasmussen

Concerning the excise taxation of the aerospace industry.

Declares that the comprehensive tax incentives in the act are intended to more comprehensively address the cost of doing business in Washington state compared to locations in other states for a larger segment of the aerospace industry cluster.

Provides definitions for "aerospace products" and "aerospace services".

Provides for a business and occupation tax calculation for persons classified as certain federal aviation repair stations.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 25 First reading, referred to Ways & Means.

SB 6829 by Senator Pridemore

Increasing raffle ticket prices.

Requires that raffle tickets bearing an individual number are sold for not more than one hundred dollars each or a greater amount as determined by the commission by rule.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 25 First reading, referred to Labor, Commerce, Research & Development.

SB 6830 by Senators Murray, Spanel, Kohl-Welles, Kline, and McDermott

Exempting car sharing from retail sales and use tax.

Intends to provide tax incentives to car sharing organizations for the purpose of encouraging the availability and use of car sharing as an element of transportation demand management.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --
Jan 25 First reading, referred to Ways & Means.

SB 6831 by Senators Murray, Holmquist, Marr, Rasmussen, Kohl-Welles, and McAuliffe

Improving the efficiency of excise tax collections from small domestic wineries.

Provides that small domestic wineries only have to make annual reports to the liquor control board.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --
Jan 25 First reading, referred to Ways & Means.

SB 6832 by Senators Shin, Schoesler, Delvin, Kilmer, Jacobsen, Rasmussen, Rockefeller, and McAuliffe

Regarding career colleges' participation in the opportunity grant program.

Modifies provisions related to the opportunity grant program.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --
Jan 25 First reading, referred to Higher Education.

SB 6833 by Senators Kline, Weinstein, Rockefeller, Shin, Hobbs, Kohl-Welles, and McAuliffe

Enforcing health and environmental laws.

Provides a civil remedy through citizen causes of action to enforce environmental quality, land use, and environmental health standards.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --
Jan 25 First reading, referred to Water, Energy & Telecommunications.

SB 6834 by Senators Rasmussen and Kastama

Regarding special assessments for certain conservation districts.

Provides the maximum rate for special assessments for conservation districts in counties having a population between seven hundred seventy-five thousand and one million five hundred thousand persons.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --
Jan 25 First reading, referred to Agriculture & Rural Economic Development.

SB 6835 by Senators Kohl-Welles and Keiser

Prescribing rights of employees, employers, and labor organizations, not subject to the federal labor relations act.

Implements the Washington state labor management relations act.

Prescribes the legitimate rights of employees, employers, and labor organizations not subject to the jurisdiction of the federal labor relations act.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --
Jan 25 First reading, referred to Labor, Commerce, Research & Development.

SB 6836 by Senators Kilmer, Swecker, Eide, and Marr
Requiring the provision of a secure internet-based system to generate temporary permits to operate vehicles.

Requires the department of licensing to provide a secure internet-based system to generate temporary permits to operate vehicles.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --
Jan 25 First reading, referred to Transportation.

SB 6837 by Senators Brown, Swecker, Marr, and McAuliffe

Increasing the membership of the prescription drug assistance foundation.

Increases the membership of the board of directors of the prescription drug assistance foundation.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --
Jan 25 First reading, referred to Health & Long-Term Care.

Senate Joint Memorials

SJM 8016-S by Senate Committee on Government Operations & Elections (originally sponsored by Senators Oemig, Regala, Kohl-Welles, Kline, Spanel, Fairley, Kauffman, Fraser, and Prentice)

Requesting an impeachment investigation into actions by President Bush and Vice President Cheney.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)
Requests that Congress initiate an impeachment investigation into actions by President Bush and Vice President Cheney.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --
Mar 1 Public hearing in committee.
-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --
Jan 22 GO - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
Minority; do not pass.
Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.